GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RECOMMENDATION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that dowry crime has increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Commission for women has made certain recommendations regarding harsher anti dowry law and raising punishments in suspected dowry death;

(d) if so, the main recommendations made by the Commission;

(e) whether government has examined recommendations and has taken a final view;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by Government on the recommendation made by the National Commission for Women regarding anti dowry law?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) As per the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, the following number of cases were registered in the country in respect of offences relating to dowry: -

Year	No. of cases registered under Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	Section 304-B IPC (Dowry death)
2004	3592	7026
2005	3204	6787
2006	4504	7618

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) A statement is annexed (Annexure).

(e)&(f) The recommendations are presently under examination in the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

(g) No time can be indicated in this regard at this stage in view of the Inter-Ministerial consultations including vetting by the Ministry of Law.